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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/604,963	Applicant(s) GRIFFITHS, MICHAEL	
	Examiner Ovidio Escalante	Art Unit 2645	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5-8,11,14,15,20 and 22-27 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 28-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to applicant's amendment filed on July 29, 2004. **Claims 1, 2, 5-8, 11, 14, 15, 20, and 22-30** are now pending in the present application.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on July 29, 2004 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 28-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by McAllister et al. US Patent 5,978,450.

Regarding claim 28, McAllister teaches a computer readable medium having instructions that when performed by one or more computers results in provisioning of an away-from-home telephone service (Personal Dial Tone Service; abstract; fig. 2; col. 13, lines 36-56), the acts comprising:

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intercepting a telephone call from a subscriber of the away-from-home telephone service intending to use the away-from-home calling service, (col. 15, line 58-col. 16, line 5; col. 20, lines 8-19);

receiving an authentication information, wherein the authentication information is entered by the subscriber through a telephone keypad, (col. 16, lines 6-30; col. 17, lines 8-24);

performing a look-up of the received authentication information within a line database (IP 23) to find the authentication information and services information associated with the authentication information that are stored in the line database (col. 21, lines 8-43) and determining whether the received authentication information matches the stored authentication information, (col. 17, lines 8-24,40-56; fig. 5);

upon finding that that received authentication information and the stored authentication information matches, completing the telephone call using the telephone services provisioned on the subscriber's home telephone line that are specified by the services information found during the look-up of the received authentication information, (col. 18, lines 7-32; col. 21, lines 31-55; fig. 5-S46).

Regarding claim 29, McAllister teaches prompting the subscriber to enter call completion information after being authenticated, (figs. 4 and 5 - steps S17, S18; col. 21, lines 44-55).

Regarding claim 30, McAllister teaches wherein the call completion information comprises a called party telephone number, (col. 21, lines 44-53).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1, 2, 5-8, 11, 14, 15, 20, and 22-27 are allowed.

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The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: in view of Application arguments submitted on July 29, 2004 and based upon the interview held on July 20, 2004, the Examiner has indicated the allowability of claims **1, 2, 5-8, 11, 14, 15, 20, and 22-27.**

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 28-30 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

7. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ovidio Escalante whose telephone number is 703-308-6262. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (6:30AM - 5:00PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan S Tsang can be reached on 703-305-4895. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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